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A translation of a portion of a Japanese Office Action that issued February 5, 2003 with respect to a counterpart Japanese patent application is provided below.

"Reason B

The invention related to the following claims of this application is the same as the invention described in the specifications or diagrams that were initially appended to the application form of the following patent for which a patent was applied prior to the date of the present application, and for which the disclosure appeared after the submission of the present application. Moreover, because the inventor of the present application is not the same party that made the aforementioned invention related to the patent application prior to the present application, and because, at the time of this application, the applicant is not the same as the applicant that submitted the

aforementioned patent application, a patent cannot be received pursuant to the stipulations of Article 29, Section 2 of the Japan Patent Law.

(Regarding Reason B)

Claims: 1, 5, 12

Cited Literature: 1

Remarks

Described in Cited Literature 1 (paragraph Nos. (0033) to (0048) and Figures 2 to 4, and 6) is the fact that the maximum peaks are respectively detected for multiple search windows established by partitioning one time slot into multiple time periods, and the respective detected maximum peaks are stored in the pass storage unit. This is equivalent to the fact that the maximum values for every data block are searched for in relation to the delay profile data of the invention related to Claims 1, 5, and 12 of the present application, and the peak information, which is the search results for each data block, is stored. There is no unique difference between the invention related to Claims 1, 5, and 12 of the present application and that of Cited Literature 1, and they are essentially equivalent.

List of Cited Literature

1. Japanese Patent Application 2000-163572 (Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2001-346239)

Record of Prior Art Literature Search Results

Fields searched - IPC 7th Ed. - H04J 13/00-13/06
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Prior Art Literature

Japan Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2000-134135 (Performing maximum value search by placing a mask before and after the detected peak phase and updating the delay profile. When the pass fluctuations are small, the threshold value used the previous time is applied.)

Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H11-317694 (The correlated peak timing is detected in block units by integrating the correlation values of the matched filter output for each block.)

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Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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